

## House Resolution No. 554

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Ron Smith, an esteemed resident of Monett, Missouri, who is the proud recipient of the Monett Chamber of Commerce Pride and Progress Award for the notable contributions he has made to the Monett community in the area of special pride and progress; and

**Whereas**, born in Denison, Iowa, Ron Smith was raised in Monett and graduated from the Monett Public School System before attending Southwest Missouri State University and Draughton's Business University, both in Springfield, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, following his graduation, Ron Smith dutifully served his country in the United States Air Force Security Service from 1969 to 1973; and

**Whereas**, Ron Smith has been a permanent fixture in the banking industry since joining the First National Bank in Monett in 1973, during which time he has been involved with several bank education organizations; and

**Whereas**, currently employed at First State Bank of Purdy, Ron Smith is exceedingly proud of his active affiliation with such important organizations as the Barry County Industrial Development Committee, Monett Lions Club, Monett United Fund, Monett Park Board, Monett Fourth of July Committee, and the Monett Chamber of Commerce, of which he serves as Golf Tournament Director; and

**Whereas**, Ron Smith is the proud recipient of several awards and honors, including the 1980 United Fund Board of Directors Outstanding Young Man Award and the 1982 Lions Club Outstanding Service Award for "Putting Others First" in saving the lives of three individuals at Table Rock Lake; and

**Whereas**, a devout member of the First United Methodist Church, Ron Smith has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his devoted wife of thirty-three years, Sharon, and his two sons, Scott and Brian:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ron Smith upon his most worthy receipt of the Monett Chamber of Commerce Pride and Progress Award, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ron Smith.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jack Goodman  
District No. 132

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry Taylor  
District No. 68

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 554, adopted March 3, 2003.

---

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker